



Abe Sailors clean Clallam

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Twenty-five volunteers from USS Abraham Lincoln headed to the northern tip of the Olympic peninsula April 27 for a cleanup project, sponsored by the Clallam Bay-Seki Chamber of Commerce.

For the second year in a row, Abe Sailors lended a hand for the Olympic coast cleanup day.

As part of Earth Day and Beach Cleanup Day Sailors gathered more than 100 bags of trash along the coastline of the Straits of Juan de Fuca, near Clallam Bay, Wash.

"We picked up crab traps, tires, soda cans, beer bottles, fishing line and rope anything that did not belong on the beach," said Storekeeper Petty Officer 1st Class (SW/AW/PJ) Kevin O'Connell, Hazardous Material Storeroom supervisor. "This is the second year we did this, and so far, it has been a great success. We covered



Abe Sailors and family members helped clean up Clallam Bay April 27 by removing hundreds of pounds of trash and debris from the area. (Photo by JO2 Carmichael Yopez)

four beaches, including Deep Creek, Twin Rivers, Pillar Point Park and Silver King Camp. The local people definitely appreciated our help," said O'Connell.

"It feels good to help out. I had a great time. I also got to see a different part of Washington I had never seen," said

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Armed Forces Week message from the President

WASHINGTON (NWS) — *(The following is the text of a message from President George W. Bush to the U.S. military)*

I am proud to offer my sincere thanks during Armed Forces Week to the brave men and women who protect our nation.

During the past several months, I have been privileged to witness personally the depth of your dedication and

the strength of your character. The professional manner in which you conduct your duties, your can-do spirit, and your sense of patriotism all reflect the fact that our Armed Forces are second to none in the world.

In a world of both existing and emerging threats, you provide a strong and steady defense. Because of you, America is a secure nation where our citizens can hope, dream, and live their lives in

freedom.

My office holds no greater honor than to serve as your commander-in-chief. On behalf of all Americans this Armed Forces Week, I salute you for the tremendous contributions you make to our nation's defense.

You are guardians of peace and liberty and have the thanks of a grateful nation. May God bless you all.

-- George W. Bush

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